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SUBJECT: PORT DEVELOPMENT TSS, ALGIERS

1. PORT DEVELOPMENT EAM DEPARTED ALGIERS JANUARY 25, AFTER
SUCCESSFUL THREE DAY SEMINAR. ALGIERS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS OUTLINED
BELOW:

2. GROUP COURTESY CALLS ON COMMANDANT MATTOUGUI, CAPTAIN OF
PORT OF ALGIERS, MR. BELHOCINE, DEIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT,
OFFICE NATIONAL DES PORTS (ONP) AND MR. HARRATI, DIRECTOR
GENERAL ONP. COURTESY CALL WITH HERRATI TURNED INTO SUBSTANTIVE
DISCUSSION OF ALGIERS PORT PROBLEMS LASTING HOUR AND HALF.
GROUP TOUR OF ALGIERS, VIA RENTED MINIBUS AND MOTORLAUNCH
SUPPLIED BY PORT ALGIERS, WAS VERY COMPREHENSIVE AND LASTED
APPROXIMATELY TWO AND A HALF HOURS. ALL MISSION MEMBERS
EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH PORT TOUR.

3. SEMINAR OPENED JANUARY 24TH BY CHARGE LYNE AND MR. SEBBAH,
DIRECTOR OF MERCHANT MARINE, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, VERY WELL
RECEIVED WITH 80 ATTENDEES, PERHAPS BEST ATTENDED SEMINAR TO-
DATE IN ALGIERS. AMONG SENIOR ALGERIAN OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE
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WERE MR. SEBBAH, MR. HENNI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MERCHANT
MARINE, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT; MR. TERZI, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF
TRANSPORTATION, SECRETARIAT OF THE PLAN; MR. KERKEBANE,
SECRETARY GENERAL, O.N.P., AND MR. SAMI, DIRECTOR, MERCHANT
MARINE ACADEMY, PLUS SEVERAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS FROM NATIONAL
COMPANIES. ONCE TECHNICAL MALFUNCTIONS WITH CONFERENCE-
ROOM FACILITIES WERE STRAIGHTENED OUT, SEMINAR CONSIDERED

SUCCESS BY MISSION MEMBERS. INDICATION OF ALGERIAN INTEREST IN SEMINAR TOPIC WAS THAT THERE WAS NEGLIGIBLE DECREASE IN ATTENDANCE FOR AFTERNOON SESSION, AND ATTENDEES STAYED WELL PAST CLOSING TIME IN ORDER TO HAVE THEIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

4. SITDOWN LUNCHEON HOSTED BY SEMINAR MEMBERS FOR SELECTED SENIOR ALGERIAN OFFICIALS CONSIDERED SUCCESSFUL WITH 8 OUT OF 11 INVITEES ACTUALLY PRESENT, AMONG THEM SEBBAH, KERKEBANE, SAMI, AND MR. CHIALI, DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS. LIVELY DISCUSSIONS DEVELOPED BETWEEN CHAIRMAN SOULES, KERKEBANE AND SAMI. EMBASSY PERSONNEL PROVIDED TRANSLATIONS DURING LUNCHEON.

5. MISSION MEMBERS HAD DAY FOLLOWING SEMINAR OPEN FOR PRIVATE MEETINGS. SPERRY REPORTED TOTAL OF 7; HARRIS REPORTED TOTAL OF 5; HARNISCHFEGER HAD 3, TWO OF WHICH SHOWED. UNFORTUNATELY FOUR INDIVIDUAL APPOINTMENTS HAD TO BE CANCELLED DUE TO MISSION MEMBERS' EARLY DEPARTURE (ELLCOTT AND PACECO). CHAIRMAN SOULES ALSO DEPARTED EARLY, CITING URGENT NEED FOR HIS PRESENCE FOR JAN 26TH MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO, SO NO PRIVATE APPOINTMENTS WERE ATTEMPTED FOR HIM.

6. EMBASSY COMMENT: WHILE ADMITTEDLY PART OF FAULT FOR EMBARRASSING APPOINTMENT CANCELLATION LAY WITH FAULTY EMBASSY COORDINATION OF DEPARTURE TIMES AND APPOINTMENTS, IT ALSO CLEAR THAT QUESTION WOULD NOT RPT NOT HAVE ARISEN HAD MISSION MEMBERS STUCK TO SCHEDULE. IT ESPECIALLY WAS UNCOMFORTABLE SINCE MOST OFTEN HEARD COMPLAINT FROM ALGERIANS WAS THAT MISSION WAS NOT SPENDING ENOUGH TIME IN ALGERIA. WE UNCLASSIFIED

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SUSPECT THIS IS CHRONIC PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED BY FINAL POSTS ON MOST TRADE MISSIONS; HOWEVER IT DOES NOT RPT NOT MAKE IT ANY MORE ACCEPTABLE. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT IN THE FUTURE COMMERCE FORCEABLY IMPRSS UPON MISSIONMEMBERS THEIR OBLIGATIONTO STAY WITH MISSION UNTIL ITS FORMAL CONCLUSION. END COMMENT.

7. PUBLICITY. PRSS AND TV COVERAGE WERE EXCELLENT. DAY BEFORE SEMINAR ALGIERS FRENCH LANGUAGE "EL MOUDJAHID" AND ORAN ARABIC LANGUAGE "AL JUMHURIYA" EACH RAN USIS PRESS RELEASE ("EL MOUDJAHID" ON FRONT PAGE) WITH PHOTO. ALGERIAN TELEVISION ALSO REPORTED SEMINAR IN PRIME TIME EVENING NEWSCASTS BOTH JAN 23 AND JAN 24. DAY AFTER SEMINAR, JAN 25, "EL-MOUDJAHID" AND ALGIERS ARABIC LANGUAGE "AS SHA'AB" EACH RAN 30 COLUMN-INCH STORIES ON SEMINAR, COMPLETE WITH PICTURES. FRONT PAGE COVERAGE OF U.S.G. SPONSORED EVENT TERMED QTE HIGHLY UNUSUAL UNQTE BY EMBASSY PERSONNEL. EMBASSY REPORTS LAST SUCH EVENT TO RECEIVE COMPABLE COVERAGE WAS VISIT OF APOLLO ASTRONAUTS SOME TIME AGO.

8. EMBASSY COMMENT: NO SMALL CREDIT FOR SEEMINAR'S SUCCESS SHOULD BE GIVEN ADVANCE OFFICER BEHR. HE PROVED HIMSELF COMPETENT AND PROFESSIONAL IN HANDLING MISSION MEMBERS' WHIMS AS WELL AS ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS. ON THE SUBJECT OF ADVANCE MEN, HOWEVER, EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT ADVANCE OFFICER VISIT BE AT LEAST ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE OF FUTURE TRADE MISSIONS. WE REALIZE THIS WOULD MEAN TWO TRANSATLANTIC ROUND-TRIPS FOR ADVANCE OFFICER, BUT WE DOUBT THAT ADDED EXPENSE IS AS MUCH AS MIGHT FIRST APPEAR. WE ALSO MUST ADD CAVEAT THAT THIS RECOMMENDATION SHOULD IN NO WAY BE CONSTRUED AS LESSENING REQUIREMENT THAT ADVANCE OFFICER AND MISSION ESCORT OFFICER MUST BE SAME PERSON. LYNE

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